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**MOTION TO DIRECT THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
SACRAMENTO ADVOCATES TO SUPPORT PROPOSALS THAT PROVIDE
INCREASED STATE FUNDING IN FY 2015-16 FOR COUNTIES TO HELP SERVE
COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN (ITEM NO. 62-A, AGENDA
OF MAY 19, 2015)**

Item No. 62-A on the May 19, 2015 Supplemental Agenda is a motion by Supervisor Knabe to direct the Interim Chief Executive Officer and the Sacramento advocates to support proposals that provide increased State funding in FY 2015-16 for counties to help serve Commercially Sexually Exploited Children.

Governor's FY 2015-16 Budget Proposal on Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC)

On May 14, 2015, Governor Brown released his May Revision to the January Proposed Budget which continues to include \$14.0 million in FY 2015-16 for Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC). The proposal would allocate \$10.75 million to counties, based on the readiness to serve the CSEC population, for efforts to develop local protocols and provide youth training for CSEC. The remaining \$3.25 million would be allocated to counties to complete new Federal CSEC requirements pursuant to H.R. 4980, the Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act.

As previously reported, the FY 2014-15 State Budget Act, under trailer bill SB 855 (Chapter 29, Statutes of 2014), included a modified County-supported budget proposal by the County Welfare Directors Association (CWDA) to provide \$5.0 million in FY 2014-15, and \$14.0 million in FY 2015-16, to enable county child welfare agencies to serve child victims of commercial sexual exploitation and establish the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Program, administered by the California Department of

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Social Services, to serve children who have been sexually exploited, among other provisions.

County Impact

According to the May Revision, in FY 2015-16, 43 counties will be ready to serve the CSEC population and will receive a share of \$10.75 million weighted by foster care caseload. However, the May Revision does not contain details on how the \$3.25 million to counties to meet new Federal CSEC requirements would be distributed and for which specific purposes. Therefore, the amount the County would receive from this funding is unknown at this time.

The Department of Children and Family Services indicates that although the Governor's FY 2015-16 CSEC budget proposal is a step in the right direction, it would not meet all the significant needs of the many CSEC youth in the County, and additional State funding would be needed.

Conclusion

This motion to support increased State funding for counties to help serve CSEC is consistent with recent Board-approved actions related to CSEC and existing Board policies to: 1) support proposals that provide funding for training related to the identification, intervention, and prevention of the commercial sexual exploitation of children; and 2) support for proposals that develop or enhance programs and services and increase protections for victims of commercial sexual exploitation.

Therefore, approval of the motion to support proposals that provide increased State funding in FY 2015-16 for counties to help serve Commercially Sexually Exploited Children is consistent with Board-approved policy.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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